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Dear Prof. Lederberg,

Thank you very much for your letter. I am still very interested in a visiting trip to the States and plan seriously to organize it for next year. I am extremely happy that you may possibly find some help for the realisation of this project. I do not yet know the most suitable months; perhaps the summer vacation period, which would be best for me, may be not well suited for the visit of laboratories in the States. Would June-July be better? I would be extremely glad to visit Stanford? I thought to visit also the laboratories of Hershey (Demerec), Luria, Watson Levinthal, Anderson, Williams and Delbrück-Dulbecco.

Considering more durable arrangements, I must say that I am still unfixed in my mind. It is true that my own position and that of my laboratory may become established soon. All committees agreed in proposing a professorship ("extraordinaire") with the direction of the laboratory. The government has now to satisfy this and propose a salary. All this does unfortunately not create the missing general scientific atmosphere at our university where the project of creating a center of virology and microbiology was not accepted (too expensive)

Needless to tell you how glad we all were, when we heard that you received the Nobel prize ! This gives us the happy feeling, that the sort of research you initiated all over the world made a path forward to be generally accepted ! You may know that in Europe, most professors of Zoologie and Botanics ("succédané" of Biology) don't know anything about bacterial and virus genetics, or have just heard some rumors which are accepted with highest scepticism !

I thank you very much for your kindness and send you and your wife my best regards.

Yours sincerely

Edward

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